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LOK SABHA

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NEXUS BETWEEN DDA OFFICIALS AND PROPERTY DEALERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a nexus between some officials of the Delhi Development Authority and property dealers is responsible for several irregularities in the Authority;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to fix the responsibility on the higher officials for the rampant corruption in DDA;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have launched any special and strict campaign to root out corruption from DDA; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.366 DATED 8.4.2003 REGARDING NEXUS BETWEEN DDA OFFICIALS AND PROPERTY DEALERS.

(a)to(f): Delhi Development Authority (DDA) was set up to promote and secure development of Delhi and has been engaged in diverse and meaningful city building activities which includes acquisition of land, development of housing complexes, shopping and commercial centers, green belts etc. In this huge developmental task, when there are instances of failure or allegations of various nature, action is initiated against defaulting officials.

CBI and Crime Branch of Delhi Police have registered 32 cases involving 38 DDA officials during the last three years ending March 31, 2003. During the same period Vigilance Wing of DDA initiated departmental proceedings against 373 officials. In all such cases investigations are carried out by the concerned agency and action taken as per prescribed rules and regulations. Further, during the last 3 years penalties have been imposed on 433 officials (includes disciplinary cases initiated earlier).

Elimination of corruption is a constant and on-going exercise and Government has issued directions to DDA from time to time to make systemic improvements by bringing in transparency in its functioning, make use of e-governance system to enhance the efficiency, transparency and elimination of subjectivity in the conduct of its business. DDA has initiated various measures accordingly to streamline its functioning, make it transparent and citizens friendly. This includes introduction of computerization, training of workforce, simplification of rules and regulations and adoption of transparency in procedures. It has already introduced computerization of centralized receipt and dispatch section putting in place a system of acknowledging letters and documents, monitoring of time limits provided for various items/transactions as per citizens charter and posting of counsellors/facilitators in the main reception hall to guide the visiting public. All important letters like demand-cum-allotment letters, refunds etc. are sent by speed post and proof of delivery obtained, information regarding procedures, functions and facilities provided by various Departments disseminated through brochures, handbooks, notices, website etc. Instructions regarding anti-corruption measures issued by the Central Vigilance Commission are followed by DDA and measures have been taken to strengthen its vigilance administration to reduce corruption.